

Property Committee Minutes
April 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Room A160

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Repinski at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly announced. Roll Call: Dehmlow, Gilner, Hamburg, Kotlowski and Repinski present. Also present: Hamman, Zander, Petkovsek, Phillippi, Bays, J. Grabarski, Olson-Martz, L. Oleson and Sorenson.

Motioned by Hamburg/Gilner to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motioned by Hamburg/Kotlowski to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public participation on agenda items: Olson-Martz, Bays and L. Oleson spoke regarding the new barn for poultry/rabbits. Bays and Grabarski spoke regarding the upgrade for extending water/electric to the horse/pony arena.

Motioned by Kotlowski/Hamburg to deviate to item #9 and #10 and return to #7. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Item #9 Discuss and/or act on the 4-H Leaders Association building a new barn for poultry/rabbits: Lengthy discussion took place. Karen Bays gave a handout letter and drawing with dimensions of the proposed new poultry/rabbit barn. The building would be county owned with up to \$20,000 4-H compensation difference. The Village of Friendship building inspector has been contacted; no issues on Village ordinance set-backs. The building would be approx. 16' high, including the roof height. The 4-H Leader's Association was given an endowment from the Henning estate; they are able to take up to \$20,000 from the fund. Hamburg stated that this comes in over budget; who is going to pay for this? Kay Olson-Martz said that they can go to the 4-H Leaders Association for the additional funding; she has spoken to the constituents regarding this. Hamburg expressed his desire to see the money to be spent more directly on the kids for scholarships, trips, etc., rather than on a building. Bays stated that the kids are not hurting for lack of funds to participate in events. Dehmlow stated that the building would be for all the kids in 4-H to use. Hamburg questioned if the building would be heated to allow for use all year long; the intent is to not have it heated. Kotlowski asked if it will be available to rent, just like any other county building. Discussion took place regarding the need for bathrooms in the new building. Hamburg said that we need to look at the infrastructure of the fairgrounds, things we can do to enhance our fairgrounds down the road. Questioning whether the Henning family has been consulted on this.

Motioned by Kotlowski/ Gilner to grant permission to the 4-H Leaders Association to move forward working along with the committee and Hamman on building a new barn for poultry/rabbits. More discussion took place. Hamburg stated that he would like to amend the motion to indicate we won't contribute any money for this. Kotlowski/ Gilner have no problem including the suggested amendment to the motion. Motioned by Kotlowski/Gilner to grant permission to the 4-H Leaders Association to move forward working along with the committee and Hamman on building a new barn for poultry/rabbits, and that the county won't contribute any money for this. Motion carried by roll call vote. Voting yes, Dehmlow, Kotlowski, Repinski, Hamburg and Gilner. Discussion regarding insurance on this project took place. Larry Oleson asked about a waiver of liability and indicated that there is someone interested in the structure. Removal was allowed. Petkovsek will be checking into insurance.

Item #10 Discuss and/or act on horse and pony arena upgrade: Bays spoke regarding the need to extend the watering ability to reach the horse/pony arena; connecting directly instead of having to use extension cords etc. Repinski would like them to pursue and provide information to Hamman and report back to the committee the findings. No action was taken.

Item #7 Open and act on bids for tax foreclosure property/resolutions: Zander reported that there were 7 out of 9 bids; all meeting minimum requirement. 3 out of the 7 have paid so far; 1 person bid on 4 properties has until tomorrow to make payment. Motioned by Hamburg/Kotlowski to approve all 7, contingent upon full payment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Bids were as follows:

1. Chip Kochendorfer
2. Steve Held
3. Robert Janicek
4. Mark Radtke
5. Robert Janicek
6. Robert Janicek
7. Robert Janicek

Discussed the resolutions that were signed regarding the properties on Wisconsin Surplus. 2 of the properties are back on the website.

Excused: Dehmlow at 9:42 a.m.

Item #8 Approval of any training or conferences: None

Item #11 Update regarding space needs project for jail or courthouse renovation: Repinski asked Petkovsek if she put the letter together that went out by Grabarski, she said no. Repinski said that they toured Child Support, Sheriff, Land & Water, Parks, Planning & Zoning and District Attorney – security issues were discussed, nothing else. Hamburg said that we need extra funds to do what the county wants to do. Petkovsek said that Andy Phillips/Steve Nelson were not available for the April 18th County Board meeting. She said that West is not opposed to having a special county board meeting to discuss the project and/or have a presentation.

Present: Dehmlow at 9:50 a.m. at the beginning of the following update by Sorenson.

Item #12 Update on the Veterans Memorial in Adams County (Scott Sorenson): Sorenson provided a verbal update. He reported that he found state statutes that were helpful to the tribute (45.72) regarding local units of government's ability to levy a tax. The fund raising isn't doing as well as expected, hoping to get support from the county board. They are working on changing the plans for a more solid plan. Being that things are tight/tough maybe breaking the costs over a two year period would be a thought. Repinski asked Petkovsek if including it in the new building/project bonding would be possible. Petkovsek asked if there was a sketch; Sorenson stated as previously, they (Heath Follen) are working on changing the plans. There were some questions related to the courthouse being registered on the National Historical Society; nobody knew the answer to that. Questions as to whether supervisors should speak at Town Board meetings regarding the project, promoting it or just to County Board were tossed about. Discussed how many people actually attend Town Board meetings, whether they are televised, how to get the word out. Sorenson indicated that Post 65 had been repeatedly asked to participate, however, they are not interested. Discussed taking this to the County Board;

Dehmlow suggested to first go to the Town Board meetings. Dehmlow said it would be helpful for Sorenson to take sketches of the project along to the Town Board meetings.

Item #13 Update on maintenance items: An update on maintenance items was provided by Hamman. Hamman reported that the grandstands will be painted, they are in the process of replacing some rotted boards. Two roofs were resealed and one more is left to finish. They are working on fixing the security office exhibit building at fairgrounds; a lot of cosmetic care being done such as: removing old carpet, painting floors/walls, etc. Hamman updated committee on furnace issue in exhibit building; Petkovsek indicated the fair board potentially is looking at a grant to cover cost. Hamburg questioned about budgeting in advance for the furnace. Discussion whether the limited time use of the building justifies replacement. Hamburg said that the repairs at the fairgrounds need to be done right so that we don't have to go back and fix in 5 years, etc. Kelly Olson is moving the H&HS finance department into the old ADRC location; Petkovsek said that we met the state requirements for this today.

Next meeting date: May 9th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Items on next agenda:

Discuss and/or act on promoting Veterans Memorial.

Motioned by Hamburg/Gilner to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Phillippi
Recording Secretary

These minutes have been approved by the committee.

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